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Jas C Booth Esq

Dear Sir

When I had the pleasure of seeing you some 8 or ten days ago you told me that Cobalt is an article that is & always will be much in demand not only in this Country but in Europe. My Son Campbell without being apprised of your opinion, thinks that Cobalt is now of little commercial Value and that a mine of it would not be worth the working

I write now to ask your settled views on this question, and to enquire, whether the person to whom you alluded as being a resident of Phila & employed or desiring to buy up the ore of that mineral is actually and now disposed to make purchases of such ore, and to any Valuable extent. I do not wish to go to any expense or trouble in this matter unless I can see that there is a good prospect of demand & profit. Be so good as to let me hear from you as soon as you have seen the party you spoke of, and have also considered the subject yourself

Respy
your obt Servt
Henry M Morfit

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